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Sunday, July 20, 2014
6th Pentecost



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MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing



NOTES FROM THE MCCLV OFFICE

**Administrative
Assistant Paula
Merkel**

Office Hours:

Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV is required to email avteam@mcclv.org at least 2 weeks in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church is required to fill out a **space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org for more information.



MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.
Thank you for your cooperation!



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8th ANNUAL

**TRICKY
TRAY**

BASKET RAFFLE

TAILGATE PARTY

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2014**

Doors Open at 9 AM Drawing Begins at 12 NOON

**American Club
of Coplay Pavilion
300 Cherry Street
Coplay, PA 18037**

**TICKET PRICE: \$25.00 (non-refundable)
Includes Tailgate Party Luncheon**

**To pre-purchase tickets (space is limited)
Email: TrickyTrayMCCLV@gmail.com
or see a Tricky Tray Committee Member**

**Personal checks at the door require photo ID
MasterCard and VISA accepted day of event**

**Over 100
Fabulous Prizes to Win!**
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Lenovo Laptop
Microsoft Surface
eReader
Dyson Vacuum
Keurig Coffee Maker
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**PLUS
Fantastic Gift Cards!
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All proceeds raised will benefit the Communities and Missions served by:

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Forge is Growing

God is doing wonderful things at MCCLV! Some of the many blessings given to our community in recent years is the spiritual growth, care and fellowship that is evidenced in our small FORGE groups. For some time now we have been exploring the possibility of beginning a Spanish-speaking FORGE group. In order to proceed with this possibility, the FORGE ministry is asking that if you have an interest in participating in such a group that you contact ministry coordinator, Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org and make him aware of your interest. In addition, if you know someone who might be interested please pass the word!



Dios está haciendo cosas maravillosas en MCCLV! Algunas de las muchas bendiciones de nuestra comunidad en los últimos años es el crecimiento espiritual, la atención y la amistad que se evidencia en nuestro pequeño Forjar grupos. Desde hace algún tiempo hemos estado estudiando la posibilidad de comenzar a forjar grupo habla español. Con el fin de continuar con esta posibilidad, la forja ministerio pide que si usted tiene un interés en participar en el grupo que se ponga en contacto con coordinador del ministerio, Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mcclv.org y tome conciencia de su interés. Además, si usted conoce a alguien que pueda estar interesado, por favor pasar la voz!astor



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FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group is a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on transformation and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.



Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

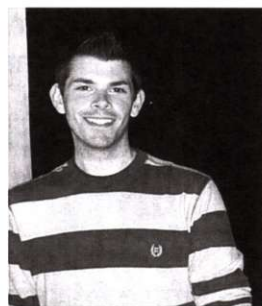


Cheryl Wenhold and Ashley Richard are the new co-chairpersons of MCCLV's Fellowship Ministry! Praise God for their willingness to share their time, talent and treasure in this important leadership role. Cheryl and Ashley will be assessing all aspects of fellowship at MCCLV and developing a Fellowship Plan for the rest

of 2014 and 2015. If you have any ideas or would like to help with fellowship events, please see Ashley or Cheryl following worship.

I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field.

(John Wesley)



Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to be the place God is calling the church to be?



Meets
4th Sundays
For more information,
please see

Lauren Sheldon

laureneshedon@gmail.com or

Emma Marrero

emma.marrero@kidspace.org



LIFE LESSONS SEMINARS CONTINUE!!

MCCLV is presenting LIFE LESSON Seminars. We never know what challenges life will bring —

these seminars will prepare you for many of them.

Here is the schedule by date for the presentations:

July 27th - Dealing with Loss

Aug 3rd - Financial Planning

Aug 10th - Alternate Gender Presentation

Aug 17th - Alternate Gender Panel Discussion

***So Much Life! So Much to Learn!!
Bring a Friend!!!***

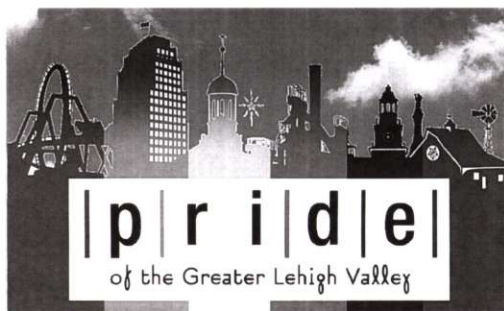
For more information, see Barb Baus or
email Karl Steiner,
karl.steiner@mcclv.org.



***Work Sundays?
Not a "morning person"?
Want more options with worship?
Don't want to go anywhere or do
anything on a Sunday?***

**Coming February 21, 2015 @ MCCLV
Weekly Saturday Evening
5:15pm Worship Service**

**- ASSIST YOUR CHURCH -
with its annual Pride
Festival participation
Sunday, August 17**



Do you enjoy big
festivals and meeting
new people?

Do you love telling people about the great
things happening at MCCLV?

**Next planning meeting Sunday, July 27,
2014 immediately following worship.**
Contact MCCLV's Pride Festival Coordina-
tor Gavin Neese at: neese10@gmail.com



Early Morning Prayer

So what is prayer? Prayer is a relationship, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that God hears us, loves us and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire. Prayer can encompass confession, praise, adoration, supplication, intercession and more.



**Early Morning Prayer at MCCLV
9am every Sunday**

*This early morning is a wonderful time to focus on our
Creator, get caught up with God, and start your
worship day with power. Come and be blessed!*



MCCLV Members Aim For 10%!

Weekly Giving Guide

ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME	WEEKLY INCOME	4%	6%	8%	10%
18,000	1,500	346	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00
25,000	2,083	481	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00
30,000	2,500	577	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00
40,000	3,333	769	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00
45,000	3,750	865	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00
50,000	4,167	962	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00
60,000	5,000	1,154	46.00	69.00	92.00	115.00
75,000	6,250	1,442	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00
100,000	8,333	1,923	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00
125,000	10,417	2,404	96.00	144.00	192.00	240.00
150,000	12,500	2,885	115.00	173.00	231.00	289.00
175,000	14,583	3,365	135.00	202.00	269.00	337.00
200,000	16,667	3,846	154.00	231.00	308.00	385.00
225,000	18,750	4,327	173.00	260.00	346.00	433.00

WELD at MCCLV!



Interesting in making a membership commitment with Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley? Participants in MCCLV's WELD church membership process become more closely

welded to God and to one another. WELD is a four-part series that is required for new members and is open to anyone wanting more information about the church. There will be an **informational session on Sunday, October 5** following Sunday morning worship. **WELD classes take place on October 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 7:00pm.** Experience connection with God and brothers and sisters in Christ through MCCLV's WELD.



For more information see Emma Marrero or e-mail her at autleaves@aol.com

Vocal Soloist Auditions



Auditions will be held in MCCLV's Sanctuary

August 10, 2014

12:30pm-2:00pm

Contact: Brian Jones at brian.jones@mcclv.org

T-Shirt Sale

We **DO** Speak Love Louder at MCCLV, so support MCCLV while you share the message.



To keep shirts as affordable as possible this style will be available in white only with "At MCCLV We Speak Love Louder" on the front and the MCCLV logo on the back.

**Orders will be taken through July 31, 2014,
make checks out to MCCLV**

Sizes S-XL will be \$15
(add \$1.00 per X for larger sizes).
Orders can also be placed by
calling Elaine at (215) 915-4370 or
email at outgayrev@yahoo.com

**100% of profits will benefit MCCLV's
general fund.**



For nothing is impossible with God

(Lukę 1:37)



Serve God In Worship

Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email brian.jones@mcclv.org for more information.

Quote of the Week

***Success is not final,
Failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue that counts***

(Winston Churchill)

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor



Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also if you have experience with the publishing industry or using a literary agent, see the Pastor.

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!



Children's Sunday School



MCCLV is excited to announce the official "kick off" of the 2014-2015 Sunday School year! The Sunday school year will officially launch on Sunday, September 14, 2014. If you have, or know of, school age children (within the age range from Kindergarten to Sixth Grade) who would benefit from this essential, spiritually formative ministry of the church please consider enrolling them. MCCLV's team of talented teachers are excited and feel privileged to provide the church's children with life forming, positive spiritual experiences! Classes begin at 9:00am every Sunday morning at MCCLV. For more information please contact children's ministry coordinator Sue Carpenter at sue.carpenter@voya.com.

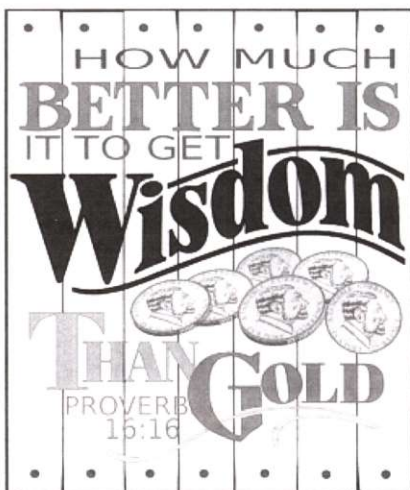


Adult Spiritual Formation Forums

In addition, the Sunday morning Sunday school hour is not just for children. The Adult Spiritual Formation ministry is thrilled to be offering adult forums throughout the year. Sunday morning Adult forums begin at 9:00am as well, so, after dropping the children off in Sunday school, come be a part of the exciting and provocative discussions pertinent to the spiritual formation of adults and the life of the church. For more information please contact Robby Schotter at robby.schotter@mccclv.org. Your ministry leaders are excited and humbled to be a part of the spiritual journeys of MCCLV's families!



Want to Grow in Wisdom and Knowledge?



Make a six night commitment this coming Autumn that will transform your life! Join in a six-part Adult Bible Study, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Get an in-depth look at six important New Testament letters and be forever changed!

October 15: Galatians

October 22: Ephesians

October 29: Philippians

November 5: Colossians

November 12: 1 Thessalonians

November 19: 2 Thessalonians

Retirees

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in
MCCLV's Fellowship Hall
9:30 to 11:00am

Come and share comradery with
similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com



Silent Witness Peacekeepers Needed

July 26 - Pridefest of Central PA

August 3 - Equality Fest, York

August 10 - Pride of Northeast PA

August 17 - Lehigh Valley Pride in the Park



Visit silentwitnesspa.org:
Find more details under the
events link

Beginner Ball Room Dance Lessons

Where: MCCLV's Fellowship Hall

When: Through Friday August 22, 2014

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Dances include:

- Fox Trot
- Waltz
- Cha Cha
- Swing
- Polka



All are welcome you do not need a partner

Contact: Loreli Bauer - (267) 421-4436 or email
lorelibauer@aol.com



MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!

To view and subscribe to our channel go to
www.youtube.com and search **MCC LV**.

Celebrate Equality!



**July 26, 2014
7pm**

**Final Freedom To Marry
Event followed by an Ice
Cream Social**

An opportunity for a free
legal ceremony.

MCCLV is looking for a same-sex
couple to be married at this
special event.
Call (610) 709-8800 or email
Paula at office@mccclv.org
to participate.



Fundraising Committee Meetings



The Fundraising Committee will meet
following worship on the 1st Sunday of
the month. The next scheduled meet-
ing is scheduled for:

Sunday, August 3rd at 12:15pm

Questions, please talk to

Sue Carpenter or-email

sue.carpenter@voya.com



UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

7th Pentecost: July 27, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 104:24-35

Preaching Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Sail the Sea"**

8th Pentecost: August 3, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Exodus 31:12-17

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"What A Sabbatical Is (And Isn't)"**

9th Pentecost: August 10, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Luke 6:27-36 & 18:18-30

Preaching: Randy D'Angelo

Sermon Title: **"Anything But That"**

10th Pentecost: August 17, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 25:14

Preaching: Robert Schotter

Sermon Title: **"Giving Gifts"**

11th Pentecost: August 24, 2014 @ 10:30am

Scripture Readings: Genesis 19:12-26 & Luke 17:26-33

Preaching: Randy D'Angelo

Sermon Title: **"Don't Look Back"**

12th Pentecost: August 31, 2014

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Preaching: Rev. Jen Glass

Sermon Title: **"Journey Through Matthew, Part I"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Isaiah 40:9

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
7/13/2014	92	\$4,316.89
7/6/2014	82	\$3,326.21
6/29/2014	91	\$5,179.87
6/22/2014	115	\$4,239.99

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

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Team, G.I.F.T. Young Women's Group & Retirees

Spiritual Formation:

Robert Schotter | robby.schotter@mcclv.org

FORGE Groups, Adult Spiritual Formation and Children &
Youth Spiritual Formation

Outreach & Justice:

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Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:

See Rev. Goudy for more information

Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,
Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda
see any Board Member**

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